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California Northern Bankruptcy Court will be upgrading its Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System (CM/ECF) to the Next Generation of CM/ECF (NextGen). This upgrade will provide users with several benefits including Central Sign-On, which is the ability for e-filing attorneys to sign into any NextGen court, they practice in, using one login and password.

You must link your upgraded PACER account to your NextGen CM/ECF account by NextGen's February 16, 2021 release date. Users will NOT be able to file in NextGen until their CM/ECF account is linked to their upgraded individual PACER account. These accounts cannot be linked before February 16, 2021.

To prepare for the upgraded system, you must take a few preliminary steps. Your PACER Account will be your login (entry point for both PACER and CM/ECF). Therefore, you must have access to an Individual PACER Account.

Follow steps 1 through 3 below.

1. If you do not already have one, you must obtain your own individual PACER account. You can register for a new PACER account at: <https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/regWizard.jsf>.

If you already have your own PACER account, go to Step 2.

Upgrade Your PACER Account

2. If your PACER account was created prior to August 2014, you may need to upgrade your account before using NextGen CM/ECF. An upgraded PACER account allows you to use the same account to search for case information and to file electronically in any NextGen CM/ECF court.

To upgrade your existing PACER account: Log in with your PACER username and password, and check the Account Type. If your account is already upgraded, it will say Account Type: Upgraded PACER Account. If it indicates Account Type: Legacy PACER Account, select the Upgrade link.

Link Your CM/ECF Filing Account to Your Upgraded PACER Account

3. After the court moves to NextGen CM/ECF, you must link your CM/ECF filing credentials (login and password) to your upgraded PACER account. You must know both sets of credentials to link the accounts.

- 1. Go to the NextGen CM/ECF website of the court in which you are registered to e-file. Look up the court's website using the Court CM/ECF Lookup.
- 2. Click the CM/ECF Document Filing System link. At the login screen, log in with your upgraded PACER account credentials. Click the Utilities menu.
- 3. Click Link a CM/ECF account to my PACER account.
- 4. Enter your CM/ECF login and password.
- 5. You will be prompted to confirm the CM/ECF account being linked to the PACER account to ensure you are not connecting the wrong accounts.

If successful, you will be sent to the welcome screen for that court. If the filing menu options do not appear, refresh your browser (F5) and/or clear your cookies, cache, and history.

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If unsuccessful, please try again. To reset your CM/ECF password, or obtain your CM/ECF username, contact the IT Helpdesk at helpdesk@canb.uscourts.gov

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